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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the promotion of voluntary work

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the promotion of voluntary work

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas 93 million people in Europe are involved in voluntary work;
 - B. whereas voluntary associations, which are particularly important in rural areas, are vital for the regions and make an enormous contribution in many areas (sports, culture, charity work, social work, education, entertainment ...)
 - C. whereas volunteering means people freely giving up their time and working without remuneration and helps them learn new skills and develop friendships;
 - D. whereas the European Voluntary Service (EVS) offers all young people between the ages of 18 and 30 the opportunity to work as volunteers;
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1. Encourages the Commission to do more to promote the contribution to society made by volunteers and voluntary associations;
 2. Calls on the Commission to support all possible actions to ensure better training and recognition of volunteers' skills;
 3. Encourages the Commission to promote and develop its EVS through specific actions and consider extending its scope so as to open it to all;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Member States.